REMARKS

Claims 39 - 57, 59 - 65 and 67 - 70 were pending at the time of the present action. Claims 39 - 54 are cancelled herein, without prejudice. Claim 64 is amended to address a minor clerical issue. No new matter is added by the above amendments.

In the present action, claims 39-41 stand rejected as being obvious based on Bothwell US 3,447,163 and Marangoni US 3,829,900. Claims 42-54 stand rejected based on obviousness in view of Bothwell, Marangoni and Dunn US 5,349,893. Each of the rejected claims are cancelled herein, obviating the rejections.

Entry of the above amendments should be made *after final*, since there are no open rejections and all remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

Entry of the amendments and the issuance of a formal notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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